City Council Meeting
October 13, 2026

Present: Mayor John Williams and Councilmembers, Wayne Dudley and Jack Rosander

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director Pat Zent, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Kami Egan, Public Works Director Pat Zent, City Attorney Millhollin and Deputy Clerk Krista Hazel.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Williams offered the invocation. Deputy Clerk Hazel completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 09/22/26 Regular Meeting
- Claims #33179-33247 $1,828,959.57
- Payroll Summary 9/25/26 $139,407.47
- Journal Voucher No. 2027-01

Department Reports:

Reports were presented by Police Chief Hert, Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Egan, City Attorney Millhollin and Public Works Director Zent.

Mayor's Communications:

Attended the League of Cities & Towns Conference October 7-9. There was great information shared. The City of Colstrip was well represented as we had multiple people attend this conference. Copies of the Resolutions that were addressed were given to the City Council members. Mayor Williams also explained to City Council how the Resolution process works at this level.

Mayor Williams was invited to but unable to attend the Grid United / North Plains Connector meeting that was held in Helena the morning of October 13, 2026 to award the nearly $700 million U.S. Department of Energy Award to proceed with the transmission line between Montana's east and west power grids.

We are in the process of preparing a Coal Board Grant for the city's 2027 Road Project. The amount we are requesting is 36% ($400,000) of the estimated $1.1 million project.

Public Comment & Participation:

None

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New Business:

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve Special Event Permit/Chili Cookoff Block Party on Browning Dr.
Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.
Discussion: Chief Hert asked for clarification on if the road would be closed.
Public Comment: None.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to approve the Hiring Request/911 Dispatcher.
Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.
Discussion: None
Public Comment: None.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve the purchase of a Tire Changing Machine & Balancer in the amount of $9,900 that will be purchased from Carquest.
Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.
Discussion: Councilmember Dudley asked if this would be able to be used for truck tires. Public Works Director Zent explained that truck tires will still be being done by hand but this will be used for the bigger pickup tires along with the Police Department's vehicles.
Public Comment: None.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion: Mayor Williams reviewed with City Council the email that he had sent concerning the Bus Policy along with a copy of the current Policy/Procedure to use the bus and a copy of the current Driver's Information Sheet that is needed to be completed by the drivers. In this email, Mayor Williams recommends a change in language concerning accidents to be added to the current policy. Attorney Millhollin is waiting to hear back from MMIA with the questions that she had on this matter. Councilmember Rosander shared information on the repairs that were just made to the bus and his concerns about this happening again.
Councilmember Rosander moved to table the Bus Policy Amendment.
Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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Krista Hazel, Deputy Clerk

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